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25X1 1. [] Ambassador Wymberley Coerr, Deputy Director, INR, State Department, called and asked for our comments on S. Res. 192. This is the Symington resolution to create a select committee on the coordination of the United States activities abroad to oversee activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. He said the Department has received a request from Senator Fulbright (D., Ark.) to provide a coordinated response. I told him that we have received a request from Senator Stennis (D., Miss.) for the Agency's views. Ambassador Coerr asked that our views be provided this afternoon or tomorrow, if possible, since the Department has a short-time suspense for their response.

25X1 2. [] I talked to Mr. John Wilson, Staff Assistant to Representative Paul N. McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.), concerning Representative McCloskey's letter of 4 November. Mr. Wilson told me this matter is being handled by Representative McCloskey and that he had written the letter personally. In brief, I told Mr. Wilson that the Agency has no record of any such agreement or contract with [] for his services in recruiting individuals for employment in Laos. As for Representative McCloskey's request in the final paragraph concerning Agency activities, I told Mr. Wilson that this type of information is releasable only to the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Mr. Wilson acknowledged that his office is familiar with this fact. He will relay this information to Representative McCloskey but has no way of knowing whether the Representative will care to pursue the matter further.

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25X1 3. [] Following the Director's briefing of the Senate Armed Services Committee this morning, Senator Symington asked me to accompany him to his office where he gave me a copy of the statement which he is making on the floor of the Senate today concerning the changes in the intelligence structure and the size of the intelligence budget. He is

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11. [] Talked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said there was some concern in the Senate over the recent changes in the intelligence setup. See Memorandum for the Record.

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12. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and received from him copies of the Committee Print of the Defense Appropriations bill and report. The Agency budget figures have been established in the mark-up. [] OPPB, was advised.

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13. [] Received a call from Mr. John Lally, Assistant Counsel, Special Subcommittee on Armed Services Investigating of the House Committee on Armed Services, who asked if we could verify for Chairman Hebert information given to the Committee a few moments before in hearings that are being conducted today concerning the Cuban International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists who arrived in New Orleans on 26 October 1971 and are being held for deportation. See Memorandum for the Record.

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14. [] Met with Mr. William Phillips, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information of the House Committee on Government Operations, and reviewed with him the draft Agency response to the Chairman's request of 26 October 1971 concerning "the degree of public participation in formal meetings and hearings conducted within the Executive Branch and other agencies." Mr. Phillips indicated that the response, in his opinion, would be completely acceptable. He noted in passing that this was the first response of any kind the Committee has had to the questionnaire.

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25X1 1. [] Senator Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.) called
to say that Senator Stuart Symington had stirred up a controversy in
25X1A an Appropriations Committee session today by demanding information about
the budgets and personnel strengths of the intelligence community. Senator
Ellender had refused to provide this information and in the discussion
Symington had among other things, claimed that according to CIA there
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asked me for the true figures which I obtained from NIPE and supplied
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Senator Young said Senator Ellender was pushing bills through
and they might adjourn as early as 8 December.

25X1 2. [] Met with John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel,
House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him the November 4
letter to the Director from Representative Paul McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.)
concerning CIA use of mercenaries in Laos. Mr. Blandford is in agreement
that Members' questions concerning CIA operations should not be honored
and that the Member should be referred to the Armed Services Committee
if it will assist in closing out the question. Mr. Blandford observed that we
might consider a one line response stating simply that the CIA does not
recruit Americans for use as mercenaries in Laos, or words to that effect,
to avoid being misquoted by the Member.

25X1 3. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
Committee staff, and discussed the Defense Appropriations bill, H. R. 11731,
sent to the Senate this week. Mr. Preston was most helpful.

25X1 4. [] Met briefly with Al Westphal, House Foreign
Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the Radios bill has now been
scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, Friday, November 19, for discussion by
the House.

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5. [] I talked to Miss Rosita Ferandes, Personal Secretary to Representative Lawrence R. Hogan (R., Md.), and confirmed a meeting with the Representative for noon, Friday, November 19. Representative Hogan will be traveling to Israel next week.

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6. [] Called Mrs. Arline MacArthur, in the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), and suggested the Senator have breakfast with the Director next Monday, 22 November, at 8 a.m. at Headquarters. Later in the day Mrs. MacArthur confirmed this time and date.

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7. [] Patricia Harford, in the office of Representative Sam M. Gibbons (D., Fla.), called and asked if we would have a personnel recruiter contact a constituent, [] who is interested in employment possibilities with the Agency. His address is: [] Personnel, was advised.

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8. [] Talked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about the Defense Appropriations bill today. See Memorandum for the Record.

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9. [] Left with J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, a copy of the intelligence memorandum entitled "Communist China's Delegation to the UN General Assembly."

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10. [] Picked up from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee several copies of the report on Senator Church's interview with Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin.

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